UNIGEN® Regenerative Fuel Cell For Uninterruptible Power Supply

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Objectives

- Demonstrate Hydrogen Fuel Cell Based Uninterruptible Power Supply
 - Economic Viability
 - Real World Applications
 - Regulatory Code Compliance
- Performance Goals
 - Power Output 3*kW
 - Storage Capacity of 50 Hours
 - Instantaneous Operation Upon Grid Failure
 - Maintain Digital Equipment

Budget

- Department of Energy / State Energy Program
- Total Budget for Program \$1,671,040
 - DOE Cost Share \$400,000
 - Proton Share \$1,271,040

Technical Barriers and Targets

- Technology Validation
 - I. Hydrogen and Electricity Co-production
- Education
 - B. Lack of Demonstrations or Examples of Real World Use
- Hydrogen Codes and Standards
 - O. Insurance Companies Recognize Current Standards

Approach

- Fabricate UNIGEN® RFC UPS Using Modular Components Allowing Flexibility in Power Output, Run Time, and Recharge Time
- Demonstrate Technology Performing Useful Work in a High Visibility Location With Access to Decision Makers
- Obtain Permits for Siting and Operation of the UNIGEN® RFC UPS Unit Through Coauthoring of New Code With Local Authority

Safety

- Focus on Limiting Release of Hydrogen and Avoiding Combustible Atmosphere
 - Components Rated for Hydrogen Use and Environment
 - Dilution of H₂ Release by Mixing and Ventilation
 - Limit Flow of Hydrogen From Storage Into Building
 - Independent Hardwired Safety Chain
- HAZOP and FMEA Analysis Performed at Module and System Level
 - Results Drove Design of Safety System and Built-In-Test
- Design of Each Module Type Based on Best-fit Standards As No Specific Standard Exists
 - Fuel Cell Module Per CSA 3.01-US
 - Electrolyzer Modules Per NFPA 496
 - Hydrogen Storage Module Per NFPA 50A

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3/04 - 9/04

Development

Build and Test

Demonstration

- Kickoff in October 2002
- Development
 - Modular Architecture
 - Multiple Fuel Cells
 - Power Transfer
- Build and Test
 - Fabricate Unit and Validate Design
- Demonstration
 - Install Unit
 - Performance Testing / Live Demonstrations
- Program Ends September 2004

Completed Build of UNIGEN® RFC UPS

- Completed Design and Analysis
- Build and Acceptance Test of Modules
- Integrated Modules and Performed System Validation Testing
- Achieved Modular Architecture
 - Hydrogen Generation, Storage, and Fuel Cell Power Generating Functions in Separate Modules
 - Semi-autonomous Operation of Modules
 - Determines Operating State Based on Conditions
 - Determines Own Health and Reports Status
 - Independent Shutdown in Presence of Fault
 - Common Control Hardware and Software in Each Module

UNIGEN® Regenerative Fuel Cell System

- 4 Power Generating Modules
 - Ballard NEXA PEM Fuel Cellbased 1.2 kW
- Low Pressure Hydrogen Generating Module
 - PEM, 250 psi, 10 scf/hr
- High Pressure Hydrogen Generating Module
 - PEM, 2000 psi, 0.2 scf/hr
- Interface Module (IM)
 - User Interface
- Inverter and Related Power Switching Components



UNIGEN® Regenerative Fuel Cell System

Hydrogen Storage Module

- Outdoor Unit
- 12 Groups of 3DOT 3AA 2400Steel Tanks
- 150 kWhr Hydrogen Storage (8400 SCF)
- Integrated Control System
- Self-Health SafetyMonitor



- Installed UNIGEN® RFC UPS at Mohegan Energy, Environment, Economics Education Center
 - Exposure to Decision Makers in Public Policy, Energy, and Pollution Prevention Fields
 - Mohegan Sun Resort Is Site for Several Government, Industry, and State Agency Conferences Every Year
 - Tours of the On-going Technology Demonstrations
 - Mohegan Tribe Recognized as Leading the Way in the Use of Environmentally Friendly Technologies
 - UNIGEN- RFC UPS is the First Demonstration of Hydrogen Generation and Storage on Reservation
 - System Provides the Centers Fuel Cell Room Safety
 System With Uninterruptible Power
 - Safety Systems Required to be On-line for Operation of Centers Twin 200 kW PC-25 Fuel Cells

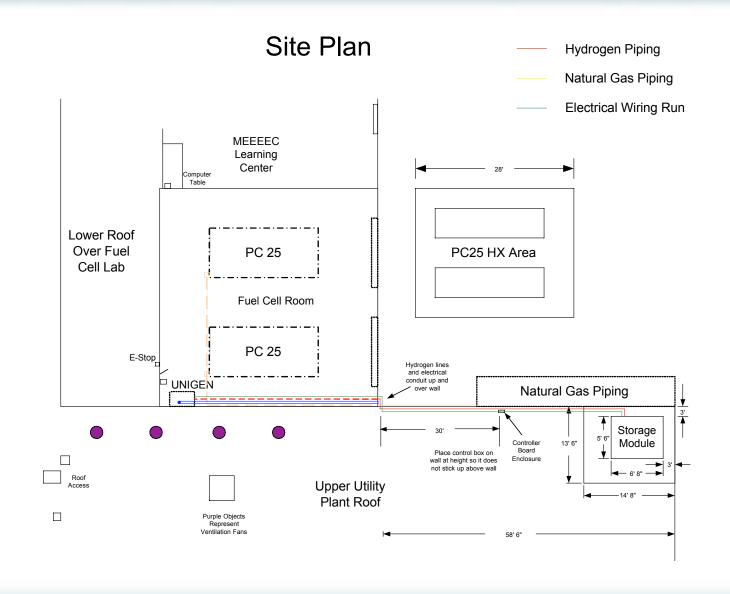
Installation







- Completed Siting / Applicable Codes Negotiations
 With Mohegan Public Safety Office
 - The Mohegan Tribe Has Its Own Government Including Building, Fire, and Environmental Regulation & Enforcement
 - Main Issue Was Hydrogen Storage Cylinder Types
 Allowed Per NFPA 50A
 - Use of Steel Tanks Alleviated Concerns
- Installation Plans Completed
 - Site Plan for Installation Accepted
 - Permit Application Accepted by Building Department



Interactions and Collaborations

- Connecticut Office of Policy & Management, State Energy Office
 - Local Funding Administration
- Connecticut Clean Energy Fund
 - Control Architecture Development Funding
- The Mohegan Tribe
 - Host Site Owners







Future Work

- Commission Unit for Operation
 - Inspections by Mohegan Building Department
 - Review Meeting With Mohegan Public Safety Officials
- Monitor and Test System Performance
 - Connected to Actual Load
 - Extensive Data Logging
- Live Demonstrations of System As Part of Fuel Cell Center Tours
 - Simulated Power Outages